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EXAMINER:

FOR: FUEL CELL SYSTEM, FUEL CELL, AND HYDROGEN GAS SUPPLYING TANK

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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CERTIFICATION

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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO (63-131857) on Form PTO-1449:**

A hydrogen supplying device in which a specific one of a plurality of hydrogen storing tanks is used in case of emergency so as to make it possible to cope with a sudden change in demand for hydrogen.

**Reference AP (9-142803) on Form PTO-1449:**

A fuel cell in which hydrogen gas is introduced from a gas delivery port of a hydrogen occluding alloy tank into a hydrogen gas supplying pipe via a check valve and a gas tank so as to prevent power generation from being stopped due to a fall of the pressure of hydrogen gas below the atmospheric pressure.

**Reference AQ (10-246398) on Form PTO-1449:**

A hydrogen storing container comprising a filter portion disposed in a hydrogen occluding alloy tank, a check valve, and a detachable line-connecting portion disposed between the check valve and the filter portion, so as to prevent the hydrogen occluding alloy from being poisoned by being mixed with air flowing from the side of a system.

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	AQ	10-246398	9/14/98	Japan (with English Abstract)			X
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